

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Applicant has reviewed and considered the Office Action dated October 21, 2003. Claims 1-4, 13-15, 23-26, 35, and 37-44 are now cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer; claims 5-12 and 27-34 are now amended to be in allowable condition, claims 16-22 have been allowed, and claim 36 was previously cancelled. As a result, claims 5-12, 16-22, and 27-34 are pending in the present application.

This application now stands in allowable form and reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues, please contact the undersigned at 612-752-7367.

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